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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Takayuki KURATA entitled
 TIRE WEAR FORECASTING METHOD AND APPARATUS
 Assignee: BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION
 Our Reference: Q62420

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including thirty-three (33) sheets of the specification, including twenty (20) claims and abstract, ten (10) sheets of drawings, an executed Assignment to BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION and Form PTO-1595, and an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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| TOTAL FILING FEE | | | | | | | | | | \$790.00 |
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Three separate checks for the statutory filing fee of \$790.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 that may be required during the entire pendency of the application to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is also attached.

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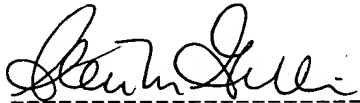
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Priority is claimed from March 17, 2000, based on Japanese Patent Application No. P2000-077008. The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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